

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for updating web page access, the method
5 comprising the steps of:

(a) generating a hit list having a plurality of hypertext links in response to a search request made by a user;

(b) allowing said user to access a corresponding website connected to at least one of said hypertext links;

10 (c) identifying said hypertext links accessed by said user;
and,

(d) updating said hit list by removing said identified hypertext links from said hit list.

15 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying said updated hit list to said user for a subsequent search.

20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said step (b) comprises the step of returning said user to said hit list after accessing the corresponding website.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of repeating said steps (b) through (d).

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said step (b) comprises the step of accessing other cross-links provided in said accessed website.

5 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of rearranging said updated hit list according to predetermined criteria.

10 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said hypertext links comprise clickable image links.

15 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said hypertext links include an associated universal resource locator (URL) address.

20 9. The method of claim 1, wherein said step (b) comprises the step of displaying the corresponding website from at least one of said hypertext links selected by said user.

10. A method for updating web page access, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a search request from a user;

(b) generating a hit list having a plurality of hypertext links associated with said search request;

(c) monitoring at least one of said hypertext links that said user visits during a search mode;

(d) removing said monitored link that has been visited by said user from said hit list; and,

(e) reproducing a new hit list based on the outcome of said removing step (d).

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said step (c) comprises the step of opening and displaying a corresponding website connected to one of said hypertext links selected by said user.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of opening and displaying other cross-links provided in said accessed website.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein said hypertext links comprise clickable image links.

14. The method of claim 10, wherein said hypertext links include an associated universal resource locator (URL) address.

15. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of
5 rearranging said new hit list according to predetermined criteria.

16. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of presenting said new hit list to said user.

10 17. A system for updating web page access comprising:

means for generating a hit list having a plurality of
hypertext links in response to a search request made by a user;

15 means for allowing said user to access a corresponding website connected to at least one of said hypertext links selected by said user;

means for identifying said hypertext links accessed by said user; and,

20 means for updating said hit list by removing said identified hypertext links that are previously accessed by said user from said hit list.

18. The system of claim 17, further comprising a means for returning said user to said hit list after accessing the corresponding website.

5 19. The system of claim 18, further comprising a means for opening and displaying other cross-links provided in said accessed website.

10 20. The system of claim 17, wherein said hypertext links comprise clickable image links.

15 21. The system of claim 17, wherein said hypertext links include an associated universal resource locator (URL) address.

20 22. The system of claim 17, further comprising a means for rearranging said updated hit list according to predetermined criteria.

25 23. The system of claim 17, further comprising a means for presenting said updated hit list to said user.

24. A system for updating web page access comprising:
a memory for storing a computer-readable code; and,
a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said
processor configured to:

5 receive a search request from a user;
generate a hit list having a plurality of hypertext links
associated with said search request;
monitor at least one of said hypertext links that said user
visits during a search mode; and,
10 updating said hit list by removing said monitored link that
has been visited by said user from said hit list.

15 25. The system of claim 24, further comprising a means for
opening and displaying a corresponding website connected to at
least one of said hypertext links selected by said user.

20 26. The method of claim 25, further comprising a means for
opening and displaying other cross-links provided in the
corresponding website.

27. The system of claim 24, wherein said hypertext links
comprise clickable image links.

28. The system of claim 24, wherein said hypertext links include an associated universal resource locator (URL) address.

29. The system of claim 24, wherein said updated hit list
5 is rearranged according to predetermined criteria.

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